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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An electrical connector disposed between a store and an aircraft or dispenser and comprising,
 - (a) an aircraft-side part mechanically connected to the aircraft or dispenser,
 - (b) a complementary store-side part mechanically connected to the store, an electrical cable comprising one of the mechanical connections,the aircraft-side part comprising:
 - i. a core having a forward end containing electrical contacts for engaging corresponding contacts in the store-side part; ~~and~~
 - ii. an outer shell snap-engageable with the store-side part to securely retain the aircraft-side part in mating engagement with the store-side part while the store is being carried by the aircraft or dispenser, the outer shell adapted to be pulled off the store-side part ~~as the store is separated~~ by separation of the store from the aircraft or dispenser, the outer shell being formed as a separate component or assembly, removably attached to the core and adapted to be fitted to the core from the forward end on assembly; and
 - iii. a threaded clamping ring threadingly engaged with the core and by which the outer shell is clamped to the core.
2. (Previously amended) An electrical connector as defined in claim 1 in which the snap-engagement is provided by a resilient finger extending axially between the aircraft-side part and the store-side part, the finger being attached to one of the parts and engageable with a detent provided on the other part .

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3. (Original) An electrical connector as defined in claim 2 in which the finger is attached to a ring mounted on a sleeve comprising the outer shell.
4. (Currently amended) An electrical connector as defined in claim 2 in which the detent is a circumferential rib formed on a collar connected to the ~~connector first half~~ store-side part.
5. (Currently amended) An electrical connector as defined in claim 1 in which the outer shell comprises an attachment ring rotatable about the ~~store-side~~ aircraft-side part and to which ends of a lanyard are anchored.
6. Cancelled
7. (Previously amended) An electrical connector as defined in claim 1 in which the outer shell is provided with electro-magnetic compatibility shielding.